

The FCC appears to be attacking the foundations of democracy. It is critical to ensure local ownership if reasonable levels of competitive views, diversity and local community influence are indeed to remain relevant. This will require guarantees of multiple sources of news in every market. Free flow of information is critical to an informed democratic process. And I certainly do not mean free flow of views from a handful of individuals who can muster ownership of multiple markets. The purchase and limitation of access to information must be resisted -- in spite of the lucrative political contributions it engenders. The credibility of not just the FCC, but of the American experiment in democracy are at stake. Please do not destroy these by following the chairman's current course.